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## **RAYTOWN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DOUBLE-VOTING**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raytown, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to voting twice in the Nov. 4, 2004, general election.

**Brandon E. Jones**, 21, of Raytown, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer this morning to a federal information that charges him with a civil rights violation.

By pleading guilty today, **Jones** admitted that he voted in both Raytown and Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 4, 2004.

“This double-voting violated the constitutional right of all voters to a fair election,” Graves said. “Citizens have a constitutionally-protected right to have their legitimate ballots fairly counted and accurately certified by election authorities. By casting a false ballot, **Jones** diluted the ballots cast by qualified voters in that election, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.”

Under federal statutes, **Jones** could be subject to a sentence of up to one year in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Daniel Stewart. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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